

Spring Boot In 3 Weeks

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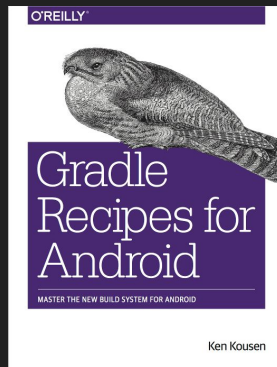
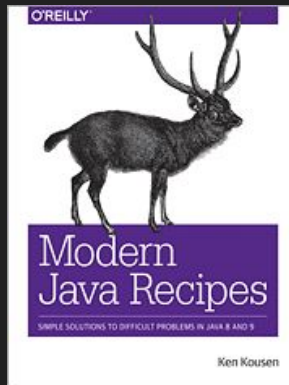
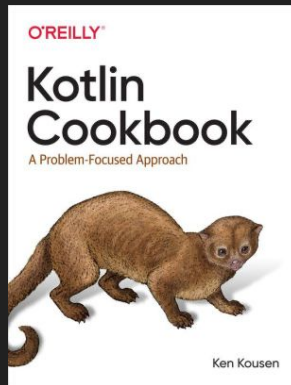
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Week 1: Fundamentals

- Spring **infrastructure**
 - Dependency injection
 - Application Context
- Spring **Boot**
 - Starters
 - Auto-configuration
 - Component scan
- **Rest** clients and services
- **Testing**
 - Unit
 - Integration
 - Functional

Spring

Project infrastructure

Spring

Lifecycle management of "beans"

Any POJO with getters/setters

Spring

Provides "services"

transactions, security, persistence, ...

Spring

Library of beans available

transaction managers

rest clients

DB connection pools

testing mechanisms

Spring

Need "metadata"

Tells Spring what to instantiate and configure

XML → old style

Annotations → used for standard components

JavaConfig → used for user-supplied beans

All still supported

Spring

Application Context

Collection of managed beans

the "lightweight" Spring container

Spring Boot

Easy **creation and configuration** for Spring apps

Many "starters"

Gradle or Maven based

Automatic configuration based on classpath

If you add JDBC driver, it adds DataSource bean

Spring Initializr

Website for creating new Spring (Boot) apps

<http://start.spring.io>

Incorporated into major IDEs

Select features you want

Download zip containing build file

Spring Boot

Application with `main method` created automatically

Annotated with `@SpringBootApplication`

Gradle or Maven build produces executable jar in build/libs folder

```
$ java -jar appname.jar
```

Or use gradle task `bootRun`

Spring MVC

Annotation based MVC framework

`@Controller` → controllers

`@GetMapping` → annotations for HTTP methods

`@RequestParam` and more for model parameters

`Model` interface → map for carrying data from one resource to another

Rest Client

Spring includes a class called `RestTemplate`

- Access RESTful web services
- Set HTTP methods, headers, query string, templates
- Use `RestTemplateBuilder` to create one
- Use content negotiation to return JSON or XML
- Convenient `getForObject(url, class)` method

Newer reactive client: `WebClient`

Logging

Spring libraries include **SLF4J** automatically

Use `LoggerFactory.getLogger(... class name ...)`

Returns an `org.slf4j.Logger` instance

Invoke logging methods as usual

Dependency Injection

- Spring adds dependencies on request
 - Annotate field, or setter, or constructor
 - `@Autowired` → autowiring by type
 - `@Resource` (from Java EE) → autowiring by (bean) name, then by type if necessary

Testing

Spring tests automatically include special JUnit 5 extension

```
@ExtendWith(SpringExtension.class)
```

Annotate test class with `@SpringBootTest`

Annotate tests with `@Test`

Use normal asserts as usual

Unit Testing

Instantiate class and invoke methods

Dependencies can be **mocked** → Mockito is already included

Fast, but least realistic

Integration Testing

Special annotations for web integration tests

Uses Spring, but not an actual server

`@WebMvcTest(... controller class ...)`

`MockMvc` package

`MockMvcRequestBuilders`

`MockMvcRequestMatchers`

Functional Testing

Run on an actual test server

```
@SpringBootTest(webEnvironment = RANDOM)
```

Spring chooses random port

Deploys app

Runs tests

Shuts down server

Most realistic, but potentially slow

Parsing JSON

Several options, but one is the [Jackson](#) JSON 2 library

Create classes that map to JSON response

```
restTemplate.getForObject(url, ... your class ...)
```

Maps JSON to Java objects

Component Scan

Spring detects annotated classes in the expected folders

`@Component` → Spring bean

`@Controller`, `@Service`, `@Repository` → based on `@Component`

Application properties

Two options for file name

Default folder is `src/main/resources`

`application.properties` → standard Java properties file

`application.yml` → YAML format

Summary for Week 1

Spring:

- Dependency injection

- Provides services

- Includes large API

Spring Boot:

- Used to create a new Spring app

- Auto-configures many beans

Great for web apps, restful web services, and more

Week 2: Persistence

JdbcTemplate → Pass SQL to DB

JPA → Use Java Persistence API

Spring Data JPA → Generate your entire DAO layer

Persistence

Spring provides `JdbcTemplate`

Easy to access and use relational databases

Best if you already have the SQL you want to use

Persistence

More conventions:

Two standard files in `src/main/resources`

`schema.sql` → create test database

`data.sql` → populate test database

Both executed on startup, using DB connection pool

JdbcTemplate

Standard practice:

Create DAO interface and implementation class

Autowire `DataSource` into constructor

Instantiate `JdbcTemplate` from `DataSource`

Spring Boot lets you `autowire the JdbcTemplate` directly

JdbcTemplate

Use `queryForObject` to map DB row to Java class

(`query` method does the same for all rows)

In Java 7, uses inner class that implements `RowMapper<MyClass>`

In Java 8, can use `lambda expression`

H2 Database

- Add the H2 dependency
 - `runtime('com.h2database:h2')`
 - Automatically adds DataSource for it

If you add the web starter and the `dev-tools` dependency,

H2 console: <http://localhost:8080/h2-console>

DB URL in console of the form `jdbc:h2:mem:<generated>`

Or set `spring.datasource.generate-unique-name` to false

SimpleJdbcInsert

Specify table name and generated key columns

Create a `SqlParameterSource` or a `Map`

Run `executeAndReturnKey(parameters)`

Transactions

Spring transactions configured with `@Transactional`

Spring uses `TransactionManager` to talk to resource

usually a relational DB, but other options available

@Transactional

Each method wrapped in a REQUIRED tx by default

Propagation levels:

REQUIRED, REQUIRES_NEW, SUPPORTS, NOT_SUPPORTED

In tests, transactions in test methods roll back by default

Can configure isolation levels:

READ_UNCOMMITTED, READ_COMMITTED,

REPEATABLE_READ, SERIALIZABLE

JPA

Java Persistence API

Uses a "provider" → **Hibernate** most common

Annotate entity classes

`@Entity`, `@Table`, `@Column`, `@Id`, `@GeneratedValue`

use in Spring `@Repository` → exception translation

`@PersistenceContext` → `EntityManager`

Spring Data

Large, powerful API

Create interface that extends a given one

`CrudRepository`, `PagingAndSortingRepository`

We'll use `JpaRepository<class, serializable>`

Add your own finder method declarations

All SQL generated automatically

Summary for Week 2

Persistence:

JdbcTemplate, SimpleJdbcInsert

`@PersistenceContext` for JPA

Spring Data JPA → generate entire DAO layer

Transactions:

`@Transactional` annotation

Can set isolation level and propagation levels

Week 3: Spring MVC

- MVC libraries
- Error handling and bean validation
- Handler mappings, view resolvers, content negotiation
- CORS
- Profiles
- Annotated controllers vs functional endpoints

Spring MVC Starters

Add either **web** and/or **webflux** starter

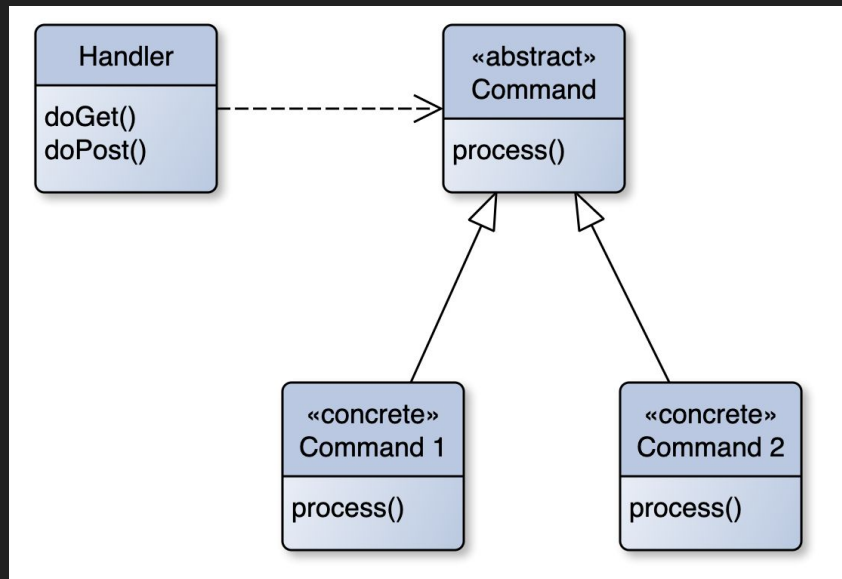
spring-boot-starter-web → Spring MVC

spring-boot-starter-webflux → Reactive Spring

Need this for **WebClient**

Spring MVC

Designed around Front Controller design pattern



DispatcherServlet

Central servlet that acts as front controller

Spring Boot sets up and maps automatically

Special Beans

Spring library useful bean types

HandlerMapping and **HandlerAdapter** → maps URLs to bean methods

ViewResolver → Converts strings to views

HandlerExceptionResolver → Map exceptions/errors to views

Processing Requests

DispatcherServlet:

- Find `WebApplicationContext` and bind request
- Use locale resolver, if necessary
- Use theme resolver, if necessary
- Use multipart file resolver, if necessary
- Use `HandlerMapping` to invoke method
- Use `ViewResolver` to connect to view

Request Processing

Everything can be configured and customized

Spring Boot Simplifications

Spring Boot autoconfiguration provides:

- ContentNegotiatingViewResolver
- BeanNameViewResolver
- HttpMessageConverters
- Static content:
 - /static or /public or /resources directory

Path Matching and Content Negotiation

Disables suffix pattern matching by default

Uses **Accept headers** for content negotiation

Template Engines for dynamic HTML content

- FreeMarker
- Groovy
- Thymeleaf
- Mustache

All use `/src/main/resources/templates` by default

Spring MVC

Annotation based MVC framework

`@Controller`, `@RestController` → controllers

`@GetMapping` → annotations for HTTP methods

Similar for POST, PUT, PATCH, DELETE, ...

`@RequestParam` and more for model parameters

`@PathVariable` for URI templates

Custom Error Page

In folder `src/main/resources/public/error`

Add `404.html` (or other error code)

More general, add `5xx.html`, etc

CORS

Cross-origin resource sharing

Easy way: `@CrossOrigin` annotation

More complex: Register a `WebMvcConfigurer` bean
with `addCorsMappings(CorsRegistry)` method

Mock Objects

Includes Mockito

`@MockBean`

Set expectations and verify as usual

Application properties

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Web Apps

Add `Model` parameter to controller methods

Carries data from controllers to views

Model attributes copied into each request

Validation

Spring uses any JSR-303 implementation on classpath

Hibernate validator by default

`@Valid`

`@Min, @Max, @NotBlank, ...`

Persistence

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`application.properties`:

`spring.datasource.schema`, `spring.datasource.data`

`spring.sql.init.schema-locations`, `spring.sql.init.data-locations` (Boot 2.5+)

Profiles

Create the same beans to be used under different situations

Either:

Multiple files with profile name in them
application-{profilename}.properties

Or:

One YAML file with section separated by ---

Profiles

logging:

level:

org.springframework.web: DEBUG

spring:

profiles: prod

datasource: ...

spring:

profiles: dev

datasource: ...

Profiles

Annotate beans for specific profiles

```
@Profile("dev")  
@Profile({"dev", "prod"})  
@Profile("!test")
```

Set the active profile:

```
spring.profiles.active = prod
```

Set **SPRING_PROFILES_ACTIVE** environment variable

```
--spring.profiles.active=prod
```

 on command line

Web.fn

Functional approach

Router function bean

maps URLs to handler methods

Kotlin has a nice DSL for it

Handler class

all methods take `ServerRequest` and return `ServerResponse`

Summary of Week 3

- Profiles
 - Different beans with same name under different profiles
 - Load beans conditionally
- Two different web libraries
 - `web` → MVC
 - `webflux` → Reactive
 - Can be used together
- Dispatcher servlet, handler mappings, view resolvers, content negotiation
- CORS
- Custom error handling
- Bean validation
- `Annotated` controllers vs `functional` endpoints